

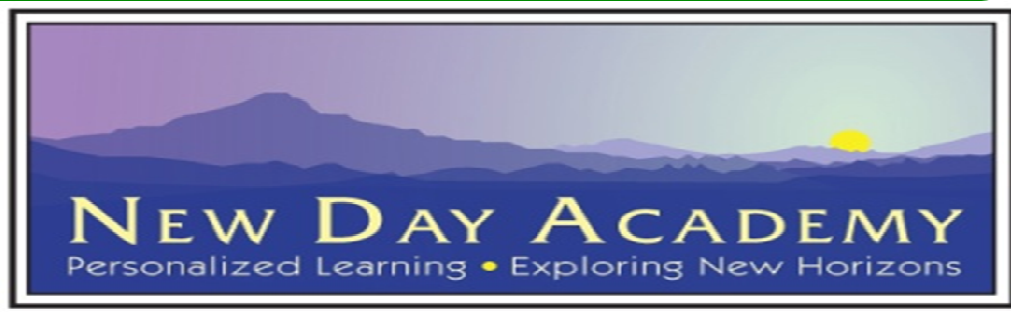
## SUNRISE RECORD

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Graduation Information
- Burney Falls Hike and Picnic
- STAR Testing Tips
- Contest Winners

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## What's new at NDA...



Thanks to everyone who participated with our STAR writing test and the High School Exit Exam in March. Attendance for all state tests is critical to the success of our school. We appreciate that you took the time to address those requirements.

We hope everyone took some time during our spring break to breathe and rest. I'd say we hope you had time to smell the flowers but we don't have any of those yet in Alturas. Today we have snow.

Word of mouth is a wonderful thing... Thanks to those of you sharing your New Day experience with friends. We are taking applications for next year and are hearing from some wonderful families interested in joining us. Our enrollment for this year is

closed at this time but we are taking applications for next year.

STAR testing is creeping up on us and I hope you have materials you can use to prepare your children for the tests. Our testing schedule is found on page 3 of this newsletter. Our hope is that students feel comfortable with the material and that the testing experience is as stress free as possible. Our test scores determine our viability with the state and continued score improvement is essential to our sustainability for funding and for our accreditation process. We are in the second year of our five year charter and one element for renewal is related to how our students perform on the tests. Please know that we are available and prepared to spend extra

time with your children to help them with state standard proficiency. In addition to our assigned teachers we have tutors that can assist you as needed.

Enough about testing for now...We have some wonderful field trip opportunities this spring that we hope you can take advantage of. These trips will be fun and a great way to meet other families and learn by doing.

Best Wishes, Laura VanAcker



## What is WASC? Western Association of Schools and Colleges

New Day Academy is proud to be an accredited school through the Western Accrediting Commission for Schools. Educational accreditation is a type of quality assurance process under which services and operations of educational institutions or programs are evaluated by an external body to determine if applicable standards are met. If standards are met, accredited status is

granted by the agency. Colleges review student transcripts and it is critical that our school has the WASC stamp of approval.

We are in the 5th year of our 6 year accreditation and are working on our self study process that will culminate in a report and a visit by the commission in April of 2012.

A major component of our study involves participation from

parents and students as we assess our strengths and identify our areas in need of improvement. We will be seeking information, ideas, and committee participation starting in April 2011. We are excited to dig in and find out how we are doing. If you would like more information please give me a call. Laura 233-3861.

# Postcard Contest Winners



Some of the winning postcards from the contest

Congratulations to the winners of our Postcard Design Contest. Our office staff, Alturas teachers, and the Alturas Art Classes helped judge the contest.

For the age group 5 to 8, first place winner was 3rd grader, Abigail Bratcher. Our second place winner was 1st grader, Lauren Wang. Our third place winner was Kindergartener, Rebekka Brooke. Fourth place went to 3rd grader, Ramey Reuck. Honorable mention

awards went to Karlee Reuck, Corrin Nelson, and Paden Nelson.

For the age group 9 to 16, 6th grader, Eric VanAcker, won first place. 4th grader, Natalie Wang, won 2nd place. Third place went to 11th grader, Nate McHugh. We had a 3 way tie for fourth place between 10th grader Corena Shepperd, 8th grader Anna Colbert, and 6th grader Jacob McHugh. Honorable mentions go out to Anna Estill, Bri Wil-

kinson and Joshua Bratcher.

Thank you everyone for participating! If you enjoyed this art contest and would like to see more, please shoot us an email at :

kelly.mcgarva@newdayacademy.net



## Next Year's Field

### Trip Ideas:

Look forward to the Planetarium and more! Have a great field trip idea? Please share!

# Upcoming Field Trips

## The Sound of Music

Sign Ups Closed

April 9th, Saturday

3:00 PM

The Cascade Theatre

1731 Market St  
Redding, CA 96001-1933  
(530) 243-8877

Meet Kelly (will have nametag) out front to pick up tickets.

## Wild Horse and

### Burro Program

April 15th, Friday

10:00 AM

Located 21 miles east of

Susanville, CA on US Highway 395.

Sign Ups Open!

Enter at main entrance, look for Kelly (will have nametag)

## Driscoll Strawberry Ranch

In Red Bluff, CA

May 14th, Saturday

9-11 Bring Lunch

22000 Bend Ferry Rd

# Burney Falls Hike & Picnic

Friday, May 20th, we will be organizing a trip to the McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park. There is a short hike down to the falls, as well as a 1.3 mile trail that circles the falls. Then we can picnic at the Lake Britain Marina.

There is also a General Store

and Gift Store there with grocery items if you'd prefer to purchase a lunch versus bringing a picnic.

There are nice picnic tables at the lake, which is a short drive from the falls. There will be a small parking fee.

Don't forget your camera!

**Call NDA to sign up!**

**530-233-3861**

**The park is northeast of Redding, six miles north of Highway 299 on Highway 89 near Burney .**



# STAR Testing Tips



- Come up with the answer in your head before looking at the possible answers, this way the choices given on the test won't throw you off or trick you.
- Read the question before you look at the answer
- Read all the choices before choosing your answer
- Eliminate answers you know aren't right.
- If there is no guessing penalty, always take an educated guess and select an answer.
- Don't keep changing your answer; usually your first choice is the right one, unless you misread the question.
- If you are certain one of the statements is true don't choose "None of the above" or if one of the statements is false don't choose "All of the above".
- If you see that at least two correct statements, then "All of the above" is probably the answer.
- Usually the correct answer is the choice with the most information.

## STAR Testing Information...

### DATES

#### **April 26th thru April 28th**

Redding high school students (Grades 9—11), as well as Burney-Fall River students will test this week.

#### **May 3rd thru May 5th**

All Alturas and Susanville students test this week, as well as Redding Students grades 2—8

### TIMES

Redding Testing starts at 9:00 am  
 Alturas Testing starts at 9:00 am  
 Susanville Testing starts at 9:00 am for grades 2-8 and 1:00 pm for grades 9-11

### LOCATIONS

Alturas Faith Baptist Church  
 Susanville Learning Center  
 Burney Word of Life Assembly  
 Redding Bonneyview Baptist

## 2011-2012 Curriculum Orders

Put your thinking caps on...Its time to start looking ahead to curriculum needs for the 11-12 school year. Your assigned teacher will be working with you to put together a list of your needs so we can have curriculum in your hands in August 2011 for the next year.

## GRADUATION Update

Susanville Ceremony Friday June 3  
 Redding Ceremony Saturday June 4  
 Alturas Ceremony Sunday June 5

School ends June 3rd and graduation is on the horizon! We are including 8th graders in our ceremony as they are promoted to high school. Any students attending will be honored with a certificate of advancement.

This year we have equal numbers of graduates in Lassen, Modoc, and Shasta Counties. To ensure that all graduates can attend a ceremony we will be celebrating this important accomplishment in Susanville, Redding, and Alturas. We are forming committees in each area to plan the events and we hope all interested

participants jump in and give us a hand preparing for this important day.

**Redding** Barb Writer is leading the Redding Grad committee and will be contacting families with seniors and 8th graders. Please call 530-275-4454.

**Alturas** Lorraine Colbert is the committee leader for the Alturas Grad ceremony. Please call 530-640-0193 with questions.

**Susanville** Ann Weaver is the committee leader for the Susanville Grad ceremony. Please call 530-257-7400 with questions.

SENIORS—Please check out Graduation Source online to pick out your cap and gown color and sizes.

<http://www.graduationsource.com/high-school/caps-and-gowns/cap-gown-tassel.html?cat=281>

This year each student will choose their own gown color to express their unique individuality.

Feel free to call the main office if you have questions or ideas. Laura at 233-3861



**Seniors be sure to get your FASFA filed before end of May. Go to [fasfa.ed.gov](http://fasfa.ed.gov)**

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## New Library Media!

### BOOKS ON CD

- Across Five Aprils
- Tom Sawyer
- Call of the Wild
- Anne Frank: Diary
- Because of Winn Dixie
- Charlotte's Web
- Esperanza Rising
- Feathers
- The Giver
- Hatchet
- Island of the Blue Dolphins
- How to Eat Fried Worms
- Lord of the Flies
- The Outsiders
- The Lightning Thief
- The Rivers
- Shiloh
- The Sign of the Beaver
- The Watsons Go to Birmingham
- The Tale of Despereaux
- To Kill a Mockingbird
- Where the Red Fern Grows
- A Wrinkle in Time



Going on a road trip? Look for these CD's on our online library and at the bookmobile.

Books on CD are a great way to introduce your child to the classics in a contemporary way.

